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INDUSTRY

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY RENE MONORY ANNOUNCED JULY 4 A
FOUR-POINT GOF PROGRAM TO INCREASE FRENCH SELF-SUFFIC-
IENCY IN PULP AND PAPER, PARTICULARLY NEWSPRINT. THE
PLAN CALLS FOR (1) GOVERNMENTAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF COOP-
ERATION BETWEEN TIMBER PRODUCERS AND THE PULP
MILLS AIMED AT RAISING TO 80 PERCENT THE SHARE OF DOMESTIC
PULPWOOD IN THE TOTAL RAW MATERIAL INTAKE OF THE
INDUSTRY; (2) A RESTRUCTURING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BE-
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TWEEN THE NEWSPRINT PRODUCERS AND THE PUBLISHERS AIMED
AT A NEWSPRINT SELF-SUFFICIENCY, INCLUDING RECYCLED
PAPER, OF 50 PERCENT BY 1980 AND 90 PERCENT BY 1985; (3)
AN EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC PAPER PULP, NEWSPRINT AND
BOARD CAPACITY, WITH PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCING IF NEEDED,
INCLUDING STUDIES INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING A
NEW NEWSPRINT PLANT IN THE VOSGES REGION; AND (4) THE

EXPENDITURE BY THE GOF OF 50 MILLION FRANCS (ABOUT 10 MILLION DOLLARS) OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS ON RESEARCH INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ADAPTING THE MACHINERY USED IN THE PAPER INDUSTRY MORE FULLY TO THE VARIETIES OF FIBER PRODUCED IN FRANCE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF SECTORAL PLANS BEING GENERATED BY GOF MINISTERIES UNDER THE SEVENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO ENHANCE THE VIABILITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF AILING FRENCH INDUSTRIES. TYPICALLY, IT SEEKS TO ACHIEVE ITS AIMS MORE BY GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS THAN BY MAJOR INPUTS OF PUBLIC CAPITAL OR RESEARCH. SINCE VIRTUALLY ALL THE ENTERPRISES INVOLVED IN THIS INDUSTRY - FROM THE FOREST TO THE PUBLISHING HOUSE - ARE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE SUCCESS OF THIS PLAN WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE THE COMPANIES CONCERNED SEE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO COOPERATE. THERE IS NO DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS TO ENFORCE THE PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTIC PULP AND PAPER.
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